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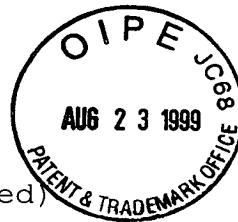
In re Patent Application of

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**AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued February 22, 1999, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

In claim 3, line 2, delete "hamster".

In claim 26, line 2, change "and" to --operably linked to--.

**REMARKS**

Claims 3, 11-15, 22 and 24-31 are pending.

Reconsideration is requested.

First, Applicant notes that claim 22 has not been indicated as pending by the Examiner. Acknowledgment and consideration thereof are requested.

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